केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि में वृद्धि करना

347. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 20 दिसम्बर, 1995 को राज्य सभा में पूछे गये तारांकित प्रश्न 360 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा गठित मंत्रिमंडल उप-समिति ने केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि में वृद्धि करने संबंधी अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार इस कार्य को समयबद्ध रूप से करेगी ताकि इस संबंध में संसद के दोनों सदनों द्वारा पारित प्रस्ताव को कार्यान्वित किया जा सके?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी॰जी॰ वेंकटरामन): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) मंत्रिदल के लिए संशोधित नोट मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय भेज दिया गया है। अतः इस मामले में कोई निश्चित समय बता पाना अभी संभव नहीं है।

Solving ethnic crisis in Sri Lanka

348. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the EALAM People's Democratic Party (EPDP) has sought help of Indian Government for solving the ethnic crisis in Lanka;

(b) if so, the details of representations received in this regard from various quar ters in Sri Lanka; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir, Government are not aware Of a request from the EALAM People's Democratic Party (EPDP) seeking help of the Indian Government for resolving the ethnic crisis in Sri Lanka.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Revamping the Central Haj Committee

349. SHRI K. RAHMAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem' of accommodation faced by the Indian Hajis this year at Mecca and Madina, because of the mis-management by the Central Haj Committee;

(b) the reasons for taking charter Aircraft by the Central Haj Committee for carrying the Haj Pilgrims by-passing the national carrier Air India;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Aircraft chartred by Haj Com-sriittee were not airworthy; and

(d) whether Government propose to revamp the Haj Committee and take action against persons responsible for the lapses?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Some complaints regarding accommodation have been brought to the notice of the Government. These relate to distance from the Haram Sharif and inadequacy of facilities in individual buildings. These complaints have been investigated thoroughly. Based on our experience this year, it has been decided that the units lacking in adequate facilities will not be taken for the next Haj.

(b) The decision that aircraft for carrying Haj pilgrims should be charted by the Haj Committee for Haj—1996 was taken by the Government of India because it was felt that this would provide the maximum benefit to the pilgrims. Air India was fully associated and provided technical guidance.

(c) All aircraft chartered by the Haj Committee for the Haj-1996 air charter movement had been technically inspected and certified for airworthiness by the Director General of Civil Aviation before the contracts were signed with charter parties.

(d) The Haj Committee is a statutory body created by Act of Parliament and the question of reconstituting the Haj Committee would be considered in the normal course in terms of the provisions of the Haj Committee Act of 1959.